will be prepared only after the state Government hands over the land identified for the upgradation of the airport. A token provision of Rs. 50.00 lakhs has been made for this project.

Notice to M/s Hotel Leela Venture to vacate the land of AAI

636. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:
SHRI MUKESH R. PATEL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have issued a notice to M/s Hotel Leela Venture on 27th October, 1996 to vacate the land which belongs to AAI;

(b) if so, whether M/s Hotel Leela Venture have since vacated the land; and

(c) if not, the steps taken to evict hotel from the AAI land?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. M/s Leela Venture Limited vacated the land on 24.05.1997.

(c) Does not arise.

Prime Minister's reservations on Civil Aviation Policy

637. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJI-RAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prime Minister during his recent visit to Nepal while addressing Indians and Nepalese trade representatives had expressed his grave reservations and dissatisfaction about the Indian Government's Civil Aviation Policy;

(b) if so, what were his main reservations; and

(c) what steps have been and are being taken to modify and update the Civil Aviation Policy, to bring it in line with the trade and business requirements and the Policy of economic liberalisation?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) and (b) The Prime Minister had observed that he was dissatisfied with the civil aviation policy as it was, in his view, not in tune with the needs towards modernisation, globalisation and the South Asia Free Trade Area Concept. He felt that trade could not expand if air seats were not available.

(c) An internal exercise has been initiated by the Ministry to develop a comprehensive long-term national civil aviation policy with a perspective of around 10 to 15 years covering all sectors such as infrastructure development, air safety, air traffic management etc. This will be finalized within 3 months.

Upgradation of fleets by Indian Airlines, Air India and Alliance Air

638. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Airlines, Air India and Alliance Air have been trying to update, expand and diversify their fleet operations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there has been any progress in the matter during the current year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (d) Air India and Indian Airlines (including Alliance Air) have plans to continue renewal of their fleets during the Ninth Plan period. Air India has acquired two Boeing 747-400 aircraft during October-November, 1996. In addition, Air India plans to purchase MCLR aircraft.

Indian Airlines also plans to acquire six 50 seater aircraft.